

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the written description:

Please amend the paragraph in the present specification starting at page 1, line 21 and ending at page 2, line 9 as follows:

Our time is an age of plentiful food. With it, obesity has surfaced as an important health problem which has to be overcome. In the United [[State]] States of America, about 30% of elementary school children are regarded as overweight children who exceed the standard weight by 30% or more. As is clear from various epidemiological surveys, the obesity of school age mostly proceeds after attaining manhood. With it, overweight persons who exceed the standard weight by 30% or more appear in succession at the aging stage of from the second half of 30 years old to middle age, and thus the total obesity population in Western countries has accounted for a large ratio which human beings have never experienced. Although not so conspicuous as in Western countries, the increase of overweight children due to insufficient exercise and satiation has come to a serious problem even in our country.

Please amend the paragraph in the present specification starting at page 2, line 26 and ending at page 3, line 16 as follows:

Above all, drugs or processed foods which can inhibit the absorption of fat in the digestive tract without side effects are essential in the prevention/treatment of obesity. The obesity due to overeating increases the cholesterol concentration present in blood of low density lipoprotein (LDL), and conversely decreases the cholesterol concentration present in blood of high density lipoprotein (HDL) to trigger arteriosclerosis. Accordingly, the development of

drugs or processed foods which can increase blood high density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol and conversely can decrease low density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol is one of the most globally demanded developments. Since statin drugs such as provastatin, simbastatin and atorvastatin which inhibit hydroxymethylglutaryl ~~coenzyme~~ coenzyme A reductase to reduce the synthetic amount of the internal cholesterol play an important role in treating the diseases of the circulatory system, the treatment of obesity, that is, lipid metabolic disorder is clearly a most urgent problem.